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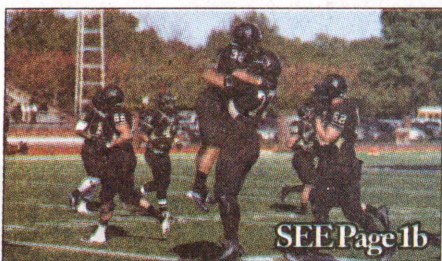
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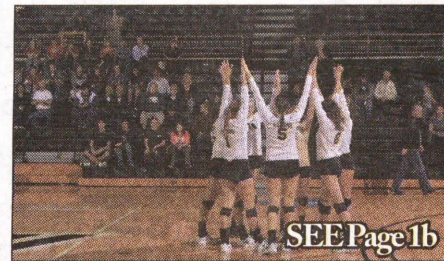
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# Obama wins, students react

by AERIAL WHITING  
opinions editor

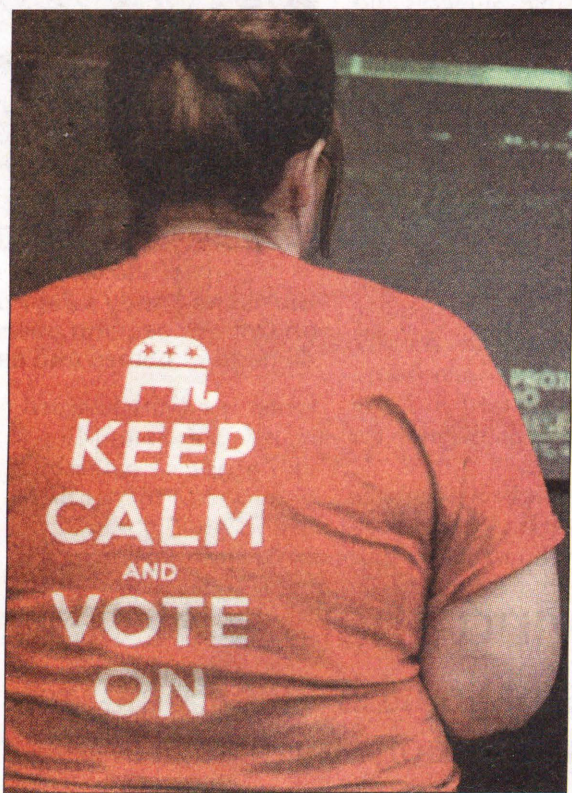
After a hard-fought presidential race, Barack Obama was re-elected president of the United States on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Obama earned 332 electoral votes and about 60 million popular votes, beating out Gov. Mitt Romney, who earned 206 electoral votes and about 57 million popular votes. The incumbent carried several battleground states, including Ohio and Virginia, while Romney won North Carolina, a state that Obama carried in his 2008 presidential run.

The president was optimistic as he addressed his supporters after being named the victor.

"Tonight in this election, you, the American people, reminded us that while our road has been hard, while our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back," Obama, quoted in *The New York Times*, said to his supporters early Wednesday. "We know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come."

Gubernatorial and congressional elections were also held yesterday,



Students and professors gathered Tuesday night to observe poll results. In addition to this gathering in the Ganus building, students also assembled at the Holiday Inn for a College Republicans watch party.

and while the makeup of Congress will remain essentially the same — with Republicans controlling the House of Representatives and Democrats controlling the Senate — the majority of governors are now Republicans. Other changes occurred at the state level as well, including the fact that Republicans now control both houses of the Arkansas General Assembly — "a

statewide shift toward Republican control that is unprecedented since just after the Civil War," according to Assistant Professor of Political Science Lori Klein.

Obama's re-election comes at a time when America is headed toward what has been termed the "fiscal cliff," in which mandatory spending cuts are scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, while President

George W. Bush's tax cuts for the middle class are set to expire at the same time. Obama and Congress must pass a budget deal in less than two months to avoid the tax hikes and spending cuts that will necessarily follow.

Because the executive and legislative branches remained relatively unchanged and divided after the elections, Assistant

Provost Cheri Yecke said she thinks "the current lack of will to implement meaningful fiscal reform won't change."

Harding students named the economy as one of the issues that were most important to them for this election, as well as foreign policy, abortion and health care.

Freshman Laura Rowe said she did not think the

economy would improve during Obama's second term.

"I think that we will lose our standing as an economic powerhouse," Rowe said. "I think that our debt will increase. I think that our currency will be highly inflated. And I do not think that we will create any more jobs."

Rowe also said she attributes Obama's victory to America's changing demographics and shift toward government dependence.

Freshman Andrew Newman said he found it "disturbing and puzzling" that America re-elected Obama and that he viewed the Nov. 6 election as a sign of the U.S.'s division.

"I was definitely hoping for Romney, but I think it just shows you how divided our nation is, and that's a sad thing," Newman said. "And it's just something we need to work on as a country and for us to stand up for Christianity as well before politics."

Senior Doug Lyons said he was glad that the president won the election.

"I'm really excited about it," Lyons said. "I think he's the best candidate available at the time, and I think that we have a bright future going forward."

## Q&A with Bruce McLarty

**Q:** Walk me through the application and interview process of applying to be the next university president.

**A:** The Board asked everyone who wanted to have input on the selection of the next president to submit their recommendations through the Presidential Selection Process tab on the Harding website. Every Board member had access to everything that was submitted, and the Board members read thousands of pages of input.

Sometime around April, I received a letter from Dr. John Simmons, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, informing me that a number of people had submitted my name for consideration. The letter informed me that if I were interested in pursuing this, I would need to meet the June deadline.

The final piece of the process took place when the Board met for their standard Homecoming weekend meeting. This year, they spent most of their time in Executive Session (Board members only) to discuss the candidates. All along, they had indicated that they would have the decision made by early Feb. 2013. When Dr. Simmons told the people at the Black-and-Gold banquet on Friday night of Homecoming weekend that the Board was well ahead of schedule, I suspected that they had reached their decision.

**Q:** Why did you want to be the president of the university?

**A:** Whenever people have asked me in recent years if I was going to apply to be the next president, my standard answer was that I wanted to be ready if called. I haven't viewed the presidency as my "dream job" or as something that I needed to achieve. Instead, applying was more of an expression of my love for Harding. If I could serve the students, faculty, staff and alumni, then I would be delighted to lead Harding into the future.

**Q:** What do you expect out of the presidency? What challenges and rewards will there be?

**A:** I have learned so much by watching Dr. Burks and Chancellor Ganus. Both men have found a great joy in leading Harding.

Personnel decisions, the things that determine the jobs and livelihoods of people, are the most difficult and sometimes heartbreaking parts of the job. Chancellor Ganus has a favorite quip about the presidency. He said, "When I was president, I slept like a baby; I would wake up every two hours and cry."

**Q:** What is the next step in preparing to replace Dr. Burks? What do the months leading up to June hold?

**A:** I will continue serving as the Vice President for Spiritual Life, but I will start looking over Dr. Burks' shoulder immediately to learn what he does as president. The timing of the announcement, for me, is perfect. The budget process takes place January-through-March, so I will get to see how that is handled this year. Also, we are in the middle of the university's five-year plan, so I will get to have a hand in setting the goals and establishing the priorities for this plan.

**Q:** How will you benefit Harding?

**A:** With God as my help and strength, I pray that I can have the same No. 1 accomplishment as Hardings first four presidents — to be a faithful steward of Harding's Christian identity. My administration will have unique strengths, emphases and accomplishments, but those are all secondary to being a faithful steward of our Christian identity.

**Q:** As with any big decision, there is always controversy. What might you say to your critics?

**A:** I don't ask that my detractors trust me; I only ask that they be open to the possibility that I can earn their trust. I am confident that through the strength of the Lord I can successfully lead Harding into the future.

## Check out more of the Q&A on The Link.

## Local election results

### Searcy A&P Tax

Hotel and restaurant tax for Parks and Rec development

**For 43%; Against 57%**

### Searcy City Council

Ward 2, Position 2

**Steve Sterling 62%**

**Robert Allen 38%**

Ward 4, Position 2

**Mike Chalenberg 56%**

**Shannon Derrick 44%**

### Quorum Court

District 5

**Jimmy L. House D 57%**

**Sam Hailey R 43%**

District 7 (to runoff)

**David W. Freppon D 40%**

**Kenneth Horton I 39%**

**Lesli Chestnut R 20%**

District 8

**Layne Vaughn D 57%**

**Greg Niblock R 43%**

### State House of Representatives

District 46

**Mark Biviano R 61%**

**Kyle Osborne D 39%**

coming soon:

## Why McLarty was chosen and why you should care

The last issue of the *Bison* will address the criticism and discussion sparked by the announcement that Dr. Bruce McLarty will be Harding's fifth president. Check it out on Nov. 30 for information from alumni, student reactions and answers from the Board.





## In wake of Hurricane Sandy

Fires, floods and wind claim 110 American lives, cause millions of dollars in damage across the US East Coast

by RYAN FOSTER  
business manager

On Oct. 29 the East Coast was hit with one of the largest storms it has ever seen. Millions of dollars in damage and the evacuation of people in 14 states caused a major disruption to residents living there. Hurricane Sandy claimed more than 110 lives in the U.S. and resulted in fires, floods and 80 mile-an-hour winds.

**The power plant five blocks from me blew up.**  
-Andrew Burnett, Harding alumnus

Stores were flocked by those who decided to stay home, while others decided to leave everything behind. Those that could

not leave were forced to take the necessary precautions to stay safe; boarding windows, buying canned food, water and batteries.

Rochelle Fry, an Oklahoma Christian University graduate who lives in Maryland, said the biggest problem during hurricanes is the downed trees. With winds up to 60 mph in her area, Fry said she was thankful nothing large fell on her house.

Fry, who cares for her elderly mother, said that if the power were to go out, she would have had to perform the jobs of the automated machines that keep her mother sustained.

In New York City, generators at NYU Medical went down at the climax of the storm forcing everyone to evacuate including those in ICU. More than

400 patients and staff had to trek down nine flights of stairs and go out into the pouring rain and strong winds.

Cars became stuck in the middle of the roads due to massive flooding, making transportation impossible. Subways and other transit systems were shut down, and city-wide power outages darkened the city's skyline.

"The power plant five blocks from me blew up," said Andrew Burnett, a Harding alumnus.

Burnett said his neighborhood was hit the hardest, but he decided to brave the storm and stay home. He gathered food and candles in preparation for the storm.

Despite being displaced by Sandy, Fox News reported that thousands of East



photo courtesy of ANDREW BURNETT  
**Hurricane Sandy swept through New York City on Oct. 29, causing power outages, flooding and damage to homes and cars across the city.**

Coast residents boarded shuttle buses and lined up outside of makeshift polling sites to cast their ballots on Tuesday.

According to Fox, for the

millions who were still without power and recovering from the storm's damage, voting represented both a return to normalcy and an act of defiance.

## Poll Party



photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Student Publications

**Juniors Matt Dobson and Greg Lewis of TV 16 reported from the Searcy courthouse Tuesday, Nov. 6. The student journalists interviewed local politicians and voters as part of the station's election coverage.**

## 'Duck Commander' and CEO returns to Harding

by KYLE REEVES  
student writer

Duck Commander CEO Willie Robertson will speak at Harding University on Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the Benson Auditorium. The College of Business Administration and the Masters of Business Administration programs organized for former HU student Robertson to speak at 7 p.m.

Robertson is the main character of the reality TV show "Duck Dynasty," which gained a large audience last spring in its first season. The show centers around Robertson and his family's duck call business called Duck Commander. For COBA and the MBA program, this guest speaker is also serving as an inspiration for many aspiring business students.

"The Robertson family turned their passion for

hunting into a business," said Dr. Phil Brown, chair of the accounting department. "I believe many of our students have an entrepreneurial itch as well as a propensity for starting and running a business."

The idea of inviting Robertson to speak was first proposed last spring. Glen Metheny, director of the center of business and professional studies, said he noticed "Duck Dynasty" was gaining popularity and thought it would be a fun idea to ask his former classmate to return to campus.

"When 'Duck Dynasty' became a craze last spring, we started watching it just like so many people," Metheny said. "I just started thinking it would be really neat to have him back on campus to speak."

After receiving permission from department head Dr. Bryan Burks, Metheny

said he went to work trying to contact the "Duck Commander." Metheny was able to get in touch with Robertson and ultimately schedule a date for him to come and speak.

While much of what Robertson will speak about will deal with business, Robertson will also talk about other aspects of his life, such as maintaining his family's strong faith and religion while in a national spotlight.

## Giving thanks at home, abroad

International students embrace Thanksgiving, new traditions form at overseas programs

by TRACY MARÉ  
student writer

While the majority of Harding students are anxiously awaiting their trips home for Thanksgiving break, there are many students from foreign countries that are unable to make the journey home for the break.

Thanksgiving serves as an extremely important holiday for Americans, as it is the time for families and friends to come together and reflect on all that they have to be thankful for.

International students at Harding have several different ways of celebrating and embracing this American tradition.

Junior Adriano Plaskocinski, a student from South Africa, said he loves this American holiday. He said that in South Africa, people do not typically have emotional connections to the national holidays.

"Here, I see families coming together and I yearn for that same feeling," Plaskocinski said. "I thank God for the open-armed families I have met here who accept me and share the love that they have experienced."

This year, Plaskocinski will be spending Thanks-

**From Paris, we are going to Normandy Beach ... this is a great way for us to remember to be thankful for all the blessings we have in America."**

- Cooper Thompson, sophomore

giving in Illinois with the family of one of his close friends from Harding.

Mia Yin, a Harding student from China, also has big plans for Thanksgiving break. Last year, Yin spent her Thanksgiving holiday with an American family and had turkey for the first time in her life.

"This is a very different experience from being in China," Yin said. "Now, it is a holiday for me, but because we don't know how to cook turkey, many Chinese students choose to travel during this holiday."

This year, she and several of her friends are traveling to Orlando, Fla., to spend the entire week at Disney World.

Yin said she is excited to go to Harry Potter World in Universal Studios.

"We have been big fans of Harry Potter since we were children," Yin said. "Buying a magic wand is going to be at the top of

my list."

In addition to serving as home to many international students, Harding sends a large number of students abroad every semester to study in different countries.

While the countries these students are in do not celebrate American Thanksgiving, several of these students still plan to celebrate in memory of the good times and memories shared at home in the United States.

Sophomore Cooper Thompson, a student at Harding University in Florence, said he plans to spend Thanksgiving in Paris, France.

"From Paris, we are going to Normandy Beach and are going to be spending the day in reflection," Thompson said. "It is important for us to remember all the fallen American soldiers, and this is a great way for us to remember to be thankful for all the blessings we have in America."

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We pledge to keep our eyes and ears open to what our community has to say and hope that, in return, that community will be an interactive audience, sharing its stories with us. We also pledge to do the basics: report accurate and relevant information, check our facts, and share them in a professional, timely manner.

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## CAMPUS-WIDE

**Nov. 9-10 — "An Evening of One-Acts": "Snow Show" and "Don't Say Macbeth" from 7-8 p.m. in the Ulrey Performing Arts Center; cost is \$5 or free with the Passport**

**Nov. 10 — Football vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State University at 2 p.m. (home)  
Women's basketball vs. Christian Brothers University at 5:30 p.m. (home)**

**Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day  
Men's Open House from 6:30-9 p.m.**

**Nov. 13 — Jazz Combo Concert from 7-8 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall**

**Nov. 15 — Lyceum: Andrew Granade from 7-8 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium**

**Nov. 19-23 — Thanksgiving break**

## In Defense of Mission Trips

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We see them all over Facebook, or for us tech-savvy individuals, Twitter: photos of an extremely tan friend, baring blindingly white teeth and cuddling a small child. Throw in some garbage, a donkey and a few palm trees in the background, and you have your standard short-term mission trip picture.

I have my own pictures like the one I have described, and because of where we are ("It's Great to Be at Harding"), chances are you do as well. The astronomical number of these photographs, which sit on their Internet shelves in neat albums, all look exactly the same. Of course, people can post whatever they want on their social network, and we as spectators all have a choice as to whether we scroll through the pictures or not. Any ill will that is elicited by us "scrollers" is typically aimed quite lazily at the trip as a whole.

Are short-term missions effective, or are they simply island vacations, a change of scenery for scholastically

over-extended teenagers and nonparticipant teens? All I have to draw on are my own experiences, and I can say that before I experienced a trip for myself, I was a skeptic. What I had witnessed was people taking the usual pictures, making some "amazingly awesome" memories, returning to the country with a great sadness, but after a few months everything would go back to normal. God bless 'Merica.

The Dominican Republic sounds like an island vacation and looks beautiful from the plane, but the cities my group visited are drastically different from their happy, pastel exteriors. There's often a breakdown in these families that starts at the head. The stereotypical Dominican male is lazy. The stereotypical Dominican mother is overworked. Those are the stereotypes (OK, there's baseball, too), and for many families, they seem to hold true.

I could easily say that I shone the light of Jesus and brought children to the throne of Christ. I could tell you how good it felt to be out of the country, away from my phone and doing the Lord's work. But I can't say that I really did any of that. There were projects, devotionals, singing and visiting with the sick, yes. But I didn't feel special or especially godly.

I don't think you're supposed to feel that way.

Quite simply, I fell in love.

I fell in love with the children who climbed in my lap, played with my hair and played games with me. I fell in love with the little girl who squeezed my hand every time Jesse in "Free Willy" told the whale "te amo" (which means "I love you"). I fell in love with the sound of chickens in the morning and the piles of poop in the road. I fell in love with the mountain that stood at a distance and the stars that painted the sky every night. I fell in love with the motorcycles that sped past with sometimes up to six people riding at a time.

I didn't do anything special. I was just doing what I'm supposed to be doing all the time. I left with a feeling of great shame. Not only because of my cynicism directed toward all who had gone before me, but also because I went expecting God to slide in, give me a show and inspire me to be a more fashionably incredible Christian. In reality, I showed up and got my heart broken by the sadness of the world, the glory of our God and the vanity of my soul.

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## Reflecting on Tolerance

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we not gone to the extreme?

The extremity can be seen in all aspects; in the media, at church, in families, in society and yes, even at Christian universities. We have become so tolerant as a whole that we have compromised our core beliefs.

Many students and professors whom I have come to respect voiced their opinions and support for recent political candidates on a regular basis throughout the classroom and social media outlets. While I am glad that these Christians saw the need to vote, what disappoints me is the fact that although many of these people would never vocally support a woman in her decision to abort a child or a couple living in sin as homosexuals, many of these same people supported candidates who support the choice to choose abortion or candidates that support equal rights for homosexuals.

Now, my point isn't to complain about the outcome of the election. My point is that it is time that we as a body start standing up for something. Stop following the crowd of acceptance and tolerance and start standing up for what we represent as Christians, start standing for

our biblical principles.

I cannot count the number of conversations that I have had with people over the idea of how we should be more tolerant with people. According to many, if one does not practice tolerance, then they are labeled as "not loving."

Fact is: Nowhere in Scripture do we read of being commanded to be tolerant. To believe that would be a very post-modern view of Christianity. Fact is: There is right and wrong and yes, there are even issues that are "black and white."

We are to teach people in love. How are we to teach though, if we can't even decide what we believe? How are we to teach if we support people who do not support our Christian faith?

We need to practice less tolerance, and that includes practicing less tolerance when choosing who and what to support.

I just ask of those who believe we should practice more tolerance, realize this is my opinion. Put into practice your belief and don't get upset. Tolerate my lack of tolerance.

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## Being a Team Player

This being the week of the presidential election and the week after Club Week, I want to discuss what it means to be a member of a team. Teams come in various forms — sports teams, of course, but also academic teams, social clubs, professional organizations, and even churches and nations. Though diverse, these teams still have many features in common, and when they function well they can enjoy and share numerous blessings.

Teams rise and fall together, and to succeed, each team member must do his or her part to the best of his or her ability for the good of the whole group.

In my favorite book of the "Harry Potter" series, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the Irish Quidditch team defeats the Bulgarian Quidditch team at the Quidditch World Cup, even though Bulgaria's team features Viktor Krum, the greatest Seeker on earth. Why? Because the Bulgarian team relies on the strengths of one player, while the Irish team relies on the strengths of every player. Like the Irish Quidditch team, the teams we are a part of are more likely to succeed if all of us give our best effort instead of depending solely on the efforts of one or two all-star members.

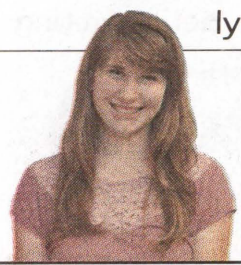
Another feature of the Irish Quidditch team that contributed to its victory was its unity. The players' moves were seamless, with the main ball, the Quaffle, passing easily from one member to the next, almost like a perfectly choreographed dance. Their seamless plays were not the product of chance. The Irish teammates had practiced and played together enough that they knew how to play as one entity and present a united front when faced with challenges. Our teams probably are not flying around on brooms and tossing a Quaffle back and forth, but we likewise have to work together as a single entity, moving toward the same goals, if we want to accomplish our objectives.

Working together as a unit often means surrendering our personal agendas for the good of the entire team. The cliché that "there is no 'I' in 'team'" is true, and if we let our competing visions or selfish desires get in the way of the best interests of the group, we are going to spend more time disputing than we are achieving. James 3:16 (English Standard Version) tells us that "where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder," meaning that if we want order and progress, we must lay aside our private wants when they conflict with what is needful for everybody.

In addition to putting aside our own agendas for the team, we must also learn to submit to our leaders, even if we disagree with them. According to Romans 13:1 (ESV), we must "be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Case in point: Many of us may not like that our current president was re-elected, but Scripture shows that we still owe him our respect. Without respect for and obedience to our leaders, chaos results. By contrast, submitting to our leaders helps maintain order and promote progress, and what's not happy about that?

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### Moral of the Story

## The GOP Needs to Innovate

The election is over. We lived through the campaigns, the ads and the constant mudslinging. We lived through the harsh Facebook statuses and the threats some of our friends made about moving to Canada. We lived through the election and, much to a few political pundits' surprise, the sun still came up on Wednesday morning. However, the re-election of President Barack Obama does prove some interesting points and say a few things about our nation's evolving values.

First of all, I find it interesting that despite our country's economic status, Obama was still re-elected. I am not saying the economy is his fault, because this economy is not the fault of any single man.

However, there is no doubt that our country is in a deep slump. Unemployment is at 7.9 percent, and the dollar is sinking in value almost every day. This indicates that, first of all, America as a whole is being much more patient than usual. We trust that Obama has a plan and that, though the economy is not perfect now, he is still working to make things better. America trusts that Obama is a good man with a good heart and we trust that, in the long run, he will improve the economic situation.

It also implies that America is not as concerned with having a commander-in-chief as they are in having an orator-in-chief. Obama's eloquence and obvious intellect speak louder than his track record for a lot of American voters. In a situation in which America is in a deep hole, we value a strong leader and communicator over the potential for different policies.

In addition, Obama's re-election accentuates the need for many citizens to feel that they are part of a "we." With his successful past and strong economic understanding, Romney may have been more qualified for the job. But Americans no longer settle with being represented by their president; they want to feel as if they are partnered with him. Romney simply seemed too out of touch and unrelatable.

Obama took advantage of this and ultimately, this is what won over the black and Latino votes that surely helped him win in both 2008 and 2012. Latino and black voters both consistently poll as socially conservative, especially on issues such as gay marriage. Despite Romney's strong conservative voice, both groups still cast their vote to support a candidate who made them feel that their voice was heard. With this, the Republican Party lost a very strong potential demographic and further polarized more voters.

Moral of the story: Obama's re-election proves to me that the Republican Party is facing some huge decisions. According to The New York Times, 55 percent of women voted for Obama, which can be mainly attributed to Obama's more liberal stance on reproductive rights. Let's be honest, Romney's campaign was left up to the white men. And they didn't show up.

The country is shifting away from its center-right position that it has held for years and years. The Democrats are evolving to face new issues, but the Republicans are radicalizing, isolating themselves more and more from independent voters who support Libertarian and Green Party politics.

It's time for the Grand Old Party to either innovate and prepare for a more modern Republican party or prepare to be trampled.

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## IX Love: Everybody Is in Iota Chi



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### guest space

Almost everyone on campus has heard about the Iota Chi Pledge Class 2012 Facebook group. In fact, almost everyone on campus is probably a member of the group, or was at one point.

Facebook groups that are classified as open allow members to add their friends without approval or consent, and that is exactly what happened to the group recently created for new members of Iota Chi women's social club. Someone added to the group in turn added many other people to the group, which continued to grow exponentially. The group quickly filled with posts consisting of Harding- and Iota Chi-related jokes and pictures of students from schools across the nation showing off their Iota Chi pride. The atmosphere of the group was fun and frivolous.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the group's membership peaked at more than 53,000 members. As one of the administrators

of the group, I am glad to say that this Facebook fiasco didn't remain solely a joke, however.

A couple of days after the group blew up, I was approached by a friend in Iota Chi, Autumn Dixon. She told me about a fundraiser the club was putting on to support Meagan Burkhead, a member of Iota Chi who is in remission from breast cancer but still has medical bills from her treatment. The club was planning to sell buttons at the tailgate before the football game that weekend, and she asked me to advertise the sale on the Facebook group.

After seeing the post alerting members to the sale, the group really took to the cause. Jay Brownlow, a member of the group, set up an online T-shirt sale, with proceeds contributing to the club's drive for Burkhead. A group of Harding students, with help from Director of the Campus Activities Board Logan Light and The Sheriffs of Nottingham, recorded two rap songs and music videos, with proceeds from the downloads also going to the drive.

Other causes found a place within the group as well, such as the film "Guttersnipes," written by Harding graduate and "Doug" co-creator Joe Aaron. With 45 minutes left to go on their Kickstarter campaign, the "Guttersnipes" team

reached their goal of \$75,000. This was not only because of the Iota Chi page, but also because of the "sisters," who definitely helped out.

Good Spread Peanut Butter, a company connected to MANA Nutrition, also found coverage on the group, with their crowd-funding campaign on Indiegogo.com linked to on the Iota Chi page multiple times. Another Indiegogo.com campaign was shared on the group, this one for the family of Ryan Woods, a terminally ill cancer patient with a wife and two young children. Both campaigns have exceeded their goal amounts.

At first, the Iota Chi page was just a really funny joke. The viral nature of the group was exciting. It was hard to believe that a Facebook group created for the purposes of one social club at Harding had reached all around the world, and that it was still growing. I'm glad it didn't stop there. Through the generosity of many people, most of whom didn't know anyone involved in the various causes promoted on the group, a lot of good has been done. Hopefully that will continue, even now that the group has died down.

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### Just the Clax

## Pictures of Our Past and Future

I recently strolled by the photo gallery in the American Heritage Building — the one in the hallway behind the Heritage Inn front desk. I've looked at those pictures many times and have always marveled at how well a few dozen snapshots capture the Harding story. The black-and-white images chronicle key moments in the school's past: the mortgage burning, the early days of chapel in old Godden Hall, the students of yesteryear singing around the Lily Pond.

I see those iconic leaders — Dean L.C. Sears unveiling the Harding sign, former President George Benson cutting a ribbon with his two successors, Dr. Joe Pryor mentoring students in a science lab and Jim Bill McInteer in front of the Bible building named in his honor.

But this hallway celebrates Harding's present as much as her past. It shows today's students overseas as they soak in global culture and walk hand-in-hand with the world's children. The pictures from campus show us learning, playing and graduating. At separate ends of the hallway, I smile to see Dr. David B. Burks in a casual moment with a child and in formal regalia on the Benson stage. Images of worship, service projects and — I say it without shame — camaraderie line the walls. I even made the gallery, sort of. In a photo of coach Jeff Morgan and his basketball team singing the national anthem before a game, you can see me in my usual spot in the Rhodes Field House behind the water cooler. I'll be there Saturday night.

The story these pictures tell is one of continuity — generations of teachers and students assembled for a common purpose: to learn from each other and



michael claxton

to serve God side by side. They speak of an institution that preserves its core foundations but revitalizes them for each new generation. Harding cherishes its past because our founders had a vision for teaching the whole person — body, mind and soul. One more picture stands out to me in this regard.

I've written about the late Neale Pryor before — it's a shame few current students would know him. But for 45 years he taught Bible here with grace and conviction. And in one striking photo in the gallery, this old gospel preacher chats with a younger colleague who smiles warmly with obvious affection for one of his mentors. Neither man could know that just a few years after this picture was taken, one of them, Dr. Bruce McLarty, would be announced as the fifth president in Harding's nearly 90-year history.

When I came to Searcy in 2003, McLarty (he wasn't Dr. McLarty then) was in his final two years as the pulpit minister for the College Church of Christ. His was consistently some of the best preaching I had ever heard — passionate, practical, deeply spiritual and insistently positive. Without even looking at the file of his sermon outlines that I saved, I can remember particular lessons. His series "Same Heart, Different Music" embraced multiple styles of Christian songs at a time when congregations were struggling over the issue. I recall

(and have often cited) his sermon on "Arm's Length Christianity," where he taught that as contemporary culture moves farther away from God, we too often move along with it.

And a Sunday-night lesson titled "If I Were a Harding Student Again" told me as a new faculty member much about McLarty's deep love for this university and his desire that today's students would have as rich a spiritual experience as he had here.

Both McLarty and his wife, Ann, are such optimists that I'm seldom around them when I don't get a shot in the arm. Literally — she's a nurse in the Student Health Center. They seem to face life's joys and challenges — whether it's doing mission work in Kenya for 15 months or grandparenting a 15-month-old baby — with grateful trust and reassuring serenity. Beneath this sunny exterior, though, is a genuine conviction and willingness to accept bold callings.

I'm writing this on Monday, so I have no way of knowing the outcome of tomorrow's presidential election. As you read this on Friday, you know by now who the voters have chosen. But in this quiet moment before Tuesday, I am insistently positive about the road ahead for Harding. That is mostly because for close to a century, God has raised up men and women to lead it. That includes our Board of Trustees, and that includes the other applicants who were willing to take on this monumental job. I am grateful for them all.

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*Out  
of left  
field*

## Taking the celebrity out of athletes

When I think of celebrities, I generally think of a lot of people who have done at least one enormously stupid thing in their lifetime, something that is way different than “normal” or just constantly draw attention to themselves for every little thing they do.

From haircuts to baby names, the world wants to know every detail about celebrities’ lives.

Athletes, on the other hand, should be known for their talents, sportsmanship and just the way they play the game.

But I feel that, more and more in the last few years, the line between athlete and celebrity is becoming increasingly hard to define.

I think one of the prime examples of this right now is Tim Tebow.

Tebow did not become a well-known athlete for his skills, but rather for his beliefs.

On one hand, it is wonderful that Tebow is such an outspoken Christian and not at all ashamed of his faith. But this show of faith should not earn him respect as an athlete.

Although the hubbub about Tebow has greatly died down since last year, I still think that it is a shame that he is such a talked-about athlete when, really, his athletic prowess is really not that impressive.

Another athlete who earned himself a reputation is the now infamous Michael Vick.

Rather than recognizing Vick for his athletic abilities, most people now just think of dog fights when they think of Michael Vick.

Before the scandal, Vick was a very well-known player with a solid fan base. But now he has certainly made himself a celebrity more than an athlete. Despite his returning talent, Vick is often focused on as an infamous criminal rather than a football player.

Now maybe this is a ridiculous request, but I think that athletes need to make an attempt to take themselves out of the spotlight for anything other than athletics. Not only does it hurt their reputations, it also takes away from the sports.

In baseball, for example, many fans focus on specific athletes because of their use of steroids.

So much so that people have begun to assume that when a baseball player is very good, it’s only because he is cheating.

And that is only because so many other athletes really have cheated and do cheat.

So let’s focus on athletes for being athletes — not for the stupid things they say, the crazy ways they dress or the times they break the law.

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Bison kicker sophomore John Gay kicks a field goal during the Homecoming game on Oct. 27 against Arkansas Tech University.

## Bisons march up field, rankings

by PAYTON HURST  
PR and marketing director  
&  
TRACY MARÉ  
student writer

The Bisons’ football team improved to 8-1 on the season after a 31-9 victory at Southeastern Oklahoma last Saturday and improved to No. 14 in NCAA Division II rankings.

The team has won eight of its first nine games for the first time since 1972 and kept hopes alive for its first NCAA DII playoff appearance.

Harding will host Southwestern Oklahoma State in its last home game of the regular season on Saturday at First Security Stadium at 2 p.m. This one game determines if the Bisons get to keep playing this season.

“We’ve been continuing to do our normal practice,” senior quarterback Kelvin Martin said. “This game is critical because if we lose then we don’t go to the playoffs, but if we win then we’re in. So we’re going to come out Saturday and play our best so that we can continue to play.”

Sophomore starting running

back Romo Westbrook is confident in the team’s ability and does not view this game as different than any other weekend. He put it simply and said that the key to the Bisons winning is “us.”

“If we just go out there and play the way we play, we’ll be fine,” Westbrook said. “We’ve just been going out there doing our regular routines at practice and working hard.”

The win Saturday continued the pattern of convincing road victories, as the Bisons remain undefeated in their away games. Harding has outscored opponents 213-73 in six away games this season.

SE Oklahoma offered little resistance as the Bisons racked up nearly 400 yards of total offense, but this game was dominated by defense and special teams.

The Bisons held the Savage Storm to just 285 yards of total offense and one interception. Though they reached the redzone four times, they came away with one field goal and no touchdowns. The Bisons special teams contributed by blocking two field goals and returning an onside kick for a touchdown.

Martin connected with sophomore wide receiver Donatella Luckett for a 28-yard touchdown pass, and sophomore running back Ahmad Scott added another score from seven yards out. Sophomore backup quarterback Keenan Keltlett also scored on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter to give the Bisons a lead.

SE Oklahoma’s only touchdown of the day came on a 32-yard touchdown pass with more than five minutes left to play, but the ensuing onside kick was returned by Bisons senior Roderick Cohn, 44 yards for a touchdown, which all but sealed the victory.

This year’s team has already cemented its legacy as one of the best in Harding’s history, and is currently ranked 14th in the AFCA poll and fourth in Super Region 3.

The top six teams from each of the four Super Regions qualify for the NCAA II playoffs. The top two teams in each region receive a “bye.”

“The possibility of us playing in the playoffs is a blessing,” junior defensive lineman Joe Calvin said. “We have worked so hard this year to achieve our goal of winning a

national championship and every game we play is one step closer to accomplishing our goal and making history here at Harding ... We know that we have to come out and play great, especially at home in front of our fans.”

The No. 3 seed hosts the No. 6 seed, and the No. 4 seed hosts the No. 5 seed in the first round on Nov. 17.

“We will persist without exception,” senior defensive back Jasper Bodiford said. “Everyday we come with the attitude that this can be our last week of practice. So to win on Saturday we have to win on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.”

But assistant coach Clay Beason is focusing on Saturday.

“Right now, our entire focus is on Southwest Oklahoma, that is all,” Beason said. “The playoffs have been mentioned, but we all know that there will not be any playoffs for us if we do not beat Southwest this weekend. So, in essence, this is a playoff game. We are definitely not looking past this weekend. Our goal is to improve each week and build on the momentum we have.”

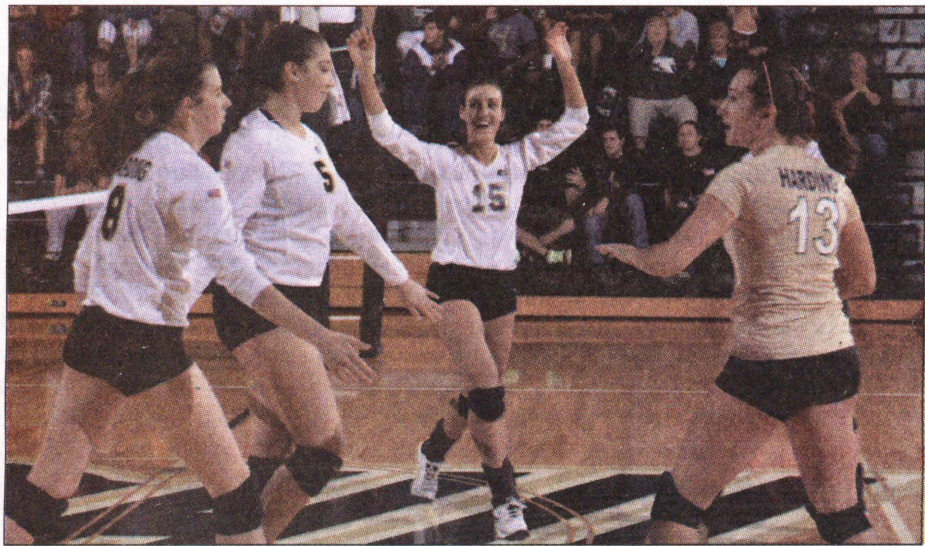


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From left, sophomores Marindia Turner and Liv Savage, senior Bailee Graham and junior Lisa Copeland celebrate after a point during the North-western Oklahoma State University game on Oct. 18. The Lady Bisons won the match 3-0.

## Still undefeated in GAC

by MATT CHAFFIN  
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With the 10th straight win of the season last Saturday, the Lady Bison volleyball team has wrapped up the regular season championship in the Great American Conference. Hopes were high coming into the 2012 season for the Harding volleyball team in their first season under new head coach, and former Lady Bison, Meredith Fear.

The Lady Bisons were able to use the momentum from their strong finish last season along with their returning leadership to grab hold of the Great American Conference.

“We are very excited about the chance to host the conference tournament,” Fear said. “We’re undefeated in conference play so far and hopefully we’ll be 17-0 by the end

of the tournament.”

Harding finished last season behind undefeated rival Arkansas Tech in the standings, but went on a run in the conference tournament as they grabbed the conference title. Now it is the Lady Bisons who are bringing the regular season conference crown home as they will be hosting the 2012 GAC volleyball tournament in the Rhodes Field House from Nov. 15-17.

The Lady Bisons have played well this season, using a 10-game winning streak to keep hold on their first place position in the conference standings, including a nearly flawless showing on the road against rival Arkansas Tech which clinched the conference championship and finalized the GAC’s tournament home in the Rhodes Field House.

Harding was led by standout junior Mollie

Arnold, but it was the other Lady Bisons who stepped up that gave HU the push that earned them a regular season conference title. While Arnold dominated on the attack to the tune of more than 400 kills on the season and a strong .263 hitting percentage, sophomores Liv Savage and Marindia Turner were two ladies who stepped up to help lead the Harding offense on their winning streak.

“I am just super excited for the team and how we accomplished all of our goals this year,” Savage said. “It is just such a blessing to be hosting the conference tournament.”

Harding and the rest of the GAC will be back in action next week when the Great American Conference tournament kicks off in the Rhodes Field House starting Nov. 15.

## Tough preseason basketball games

by AMY MARÉ  
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The Harding women’s basketball team fell in their third and last exhibition game to NCAA Division I Western Kentucky 96-64 this past Friday.

Harding was led by sophomore guard Shana Holmes, who averaged 17.7 points per game in the three exhibition games, and sophomore forward Arielle Saunders, who averaged 12.3 points per exhibition game.

Friday’s game was the first exhibition game where the Lady Bisons did not outrebound their opponent.

The Western Kentucky Toppers outrebounded Harding 38-30.

The Lady Toppers had 22 points off of Harding’s 23 turnovers. In the end, it was the turnovers that cost the Lady Bisons the game.

“We just had too many turnovers against WKU on Friday,” assistant coach David Walker said. “You can’t go on the road and play a good Division I team, turn it over 23 times and expect to win. That’s a program that has been to the Final Four three times, so it was great competition for us. We didn’t execute as well as we did in our win at ORU.”

Although their loss to Western Kentucky comes as a disappointment, the team is looking ahead to their regular season, which begins tomorrow.

“I’m looking forward to getting the regular season started,” Walker said. “It’s been a long time since we lost in the GAC Championship, and we are ready to build off of that finish and use that as a springboard to a great season.”

Sophomore guard Montana Lewis is also ready to get back on the court and into full swing for the season.

“I am looking forward to playing basketball games again and building onto the success we ended with last season,” Lewis said.

Although the Lady Bisons are looking good, they still have plenty to work toward as they begin the regular season.

Walker said they are trying to get better every day so they have a chance to win every game.

“As a coach, you would like to have more time before the season opener, but I think the DI exhibition games on the road have been great in preparing us for just about anything,” Walker said. “Offensively, we just need to be taking care of individual responsibilities. We have a lot of talented players who bring different things to the table.”

Despite the little amount of practice they have had against other teams, the Lady Bisons are ready for their season opener this Saturday as they host Christian Brothers University at 5:30 p.m.





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Sophomore Kaitlyn Tschiggfrie goes for the kick during the Lady Bisons' game against Northwestern Oklahoma State University earlier in the season on Oct. 7. The Lady Bisons won 2-1.

Lady Bison soccer team misses the goal at GAC tournament

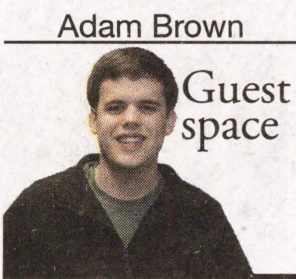
by AERIAL WHITING
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The Lady Bison soccer team ended its season with a 4-0 loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the semifinals of the Great American Conference Tournament on Friday, Nov. 2. With their season over, the Lady Bisons are 7-9-2 overall and 4-5-1 in conference play. The SWOSU Bulldogs were ranked No. 18 with an 18-0-1 overall record and 9-0-1 conference record after its regular season and were the No. 1 seed in the GAC Tournament. The Lady Bisons frustrated the Bulldogs throughout the first half of the game, according to head coach Greg Harris, allowing their opponent to score only once. "We started out and actually outplayed them, I thought, for the first part of that game, and we did real well," Harris said.

However, the Bulldogs played harder in the second half, scoring three more points to win the game. Eighty-three minutes in, junior forward Jenna Taylor made Harding's only shot of the game, which was blocked by SWOSU. "It wasn't anything that we did wrong," Harris said. "It was the fact that I think they just came out stronger. We weren't able to really counter that; we never got into a rhythm." Taylor said Harding executed its game plan well and played to its strengths. Harris said the team needs to improve in its possession of the ball, defense and speed. He also said he will be returning 20 of his players next season, and that will give the team more experience; currently, only about one-third of the 22 players are upperclassmen. Still, Harris said he is proud of what the Lady Bisons accomplished this fall. "I feel good about (this season)

because we got better," Harris said. "We were way better than we were last year. We were much improved from an overall team standpoint." Taylor and junior defender Hannah Hatcher were both named to the All-GAC team on Oct. 31, Taylor for the first time of her career and Hatcher for the second. Taylor said she was glad to be named to the All-GAC team, but that it was a team effort on the part of the Lady Bisons that got her there. "It's an honor, but I feel like it should be for the whole team," Taylor said. "I wouldn't have success without my team, so mostly I just want to give credit to my team." Harris said he is optimistic about the upcoming season because his team will have more experience next year. "I would love to win 10 games or more," Harris said. "This team is going to be capable. The competition is going to be tough; I don't schedule easy, but iron sharpens iron."

College b-ball about to tip off



Adam Brown
Guest space

Tonight is the night that America has been waiting for since April 2, when the Kentucky Wildcats defeated the Kansas Jayhawks by a score of 67-59 to claim the 2012 National Championship, the program's eighth title and coach John Calipari's first. College basketball officially tips off tonight with many top teams in action, including nine of the top 10 teams in the preseason polls. While many Americans don't watch college basketball until after the Super Bowl in February or even waiting until the postseason (a valid strategy for the NBA or Major League Baseball), there are many good games this month in the early part of the season. Last year, a unique tradition in college basketball was started when the North Carolina Tar Heels faced off against the Michigan State Spartans on the flight deck of the USS Carl Vinson in San Diego. The majority of the crowd was made up of naval personnel, and even President Obama and the First Lady were in attendance. This year, there are three such games aboard naval aircraft carriers in three different coastal cities.

On Tuesday night in Atlanta, the Champions Classic features a doubleheader of No. 14 Michigan State taking on No. 7 Kansas, followed by No. 8 Duke taking on No. 3 Kentucky. These four teams are in the second year of a three year agreement in which they all play each other in doubleheaders at different neutral sites. These four teams provided great games last season, and I'm sure the same will be the case this season. The week of Thanksgiving always provides quality college basketball programming, highlighted by the Maui Invitational featuring Butler, Marquette, Mississippi State, North Carolina, Texas, University of Southern California, Illinois and the Division III host school Chaminade. Additionally, the National Invitation Tournament season tip-off in New York should feature Michigan, Pittsburgh, Kansas State and Virginia fighting for the tournament championship in Madison Square Garden, with the semi-finals on Nov. 21 and the championship game on Nov. 23.

And lastly, in the Bahamas, the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament features perhaps the best assembly of coaches among all preseason tournaments, as Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Louisville's Rick Pitino and Minnesota's Tubby Smith all have national championships on their resumes. Add to that list Virginia Commonwealth University's head coach Shaka Smart, who took his mid-major team to the Final Four in 2011, along with Stanford's Johnny Dawkins, who was an assistant coach at Duke during their 2000-2001 national championship season, and you have quite a collection of quality coaches. The road to March Madness begins tonight as 347 teams compete for 68 tournament spots to compete for the national championship, to be played April 8 in Atlanta. It's going to be a good season.

There are many good (college) games this month in the early part of the season.

Tonight, No. 10 Florida will take on Georgetown aboard the USS Bataan in Jacksonville, Fla., and No. 4 Ohio State will take on Marquette University aboard the USS Yorktown in Charleston, S.C. On Sunday, No. 9 Syracuse will take on No. 20 San Diego State aboard the USS Midway in San Diego.

Sports in brief

Women's cross-country

Sophomore Ewa Zaborowska qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship which will be held on Nov. 17 in Joplin, Mo. Zaborowska took sixth place at the NCAA Division II Central Region Meet on Nov. 3 finishing the 6K race in 21 min. and 22.3 sec. The team took 11th place out of 26 teams but still finished higher than any other GAC teams. Harding's other scoring runners were freshmen Kelsey Taylor and Tammy Kim, junior Rachel Roberts and sophomore Dallis Bailey.

Women's golf

The Lady Bison golf team took second place out of nine teams at the Lady Reddie Invitational at Henderson State University. Sophomore Emily Plyler took second place in the tournament individually with a two-round score of 154. Senior Becca Godman tied for fourth place with a two-round score of 156. The Henderson State tournament on Oct. 29-30 was the team's last competition of the season. This season was head coach Christy Morgan's first year coaching the team.

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Our Athletes' Views on Pop Culture

questions

One gift you will never forget is ...

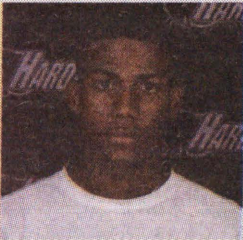
If you were a car, what kind would you be?

If there was a movie about your life, who would play you?

One thing that really makes me laugh is ...

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Rhon Royer (Soccer)



A cricket ball for my eighth or ninth birthday.

Maserati, GranCabrio.

Pierce Brosnan.

People ranting about small things like forgetting to put dryer sheets in their laundry.

I don't know all the American Thanksgiving dishes, but a well-done turkey is quite enjoyable.

Erin Perring (Track)



A blanket my mom and sister made me.

Jeep Wrangler, soft top, half doors, stick shift.

Jennifer Lawrence.

My family.

Buttermilk pie or green bean casserole.

Kristen Celsor (Basketball)



My Easy Bake Oven.

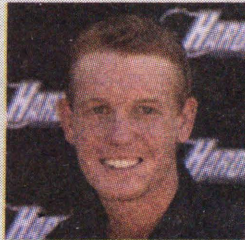
Probably a Jeep; they're tall and outdoorsy.

Katherine Heigl...? Haha, I have no clue.

When something funny happens somewhere I'm supposed to be quiet and can't be.

It's a tie between my mom's potato casserole or her pull apart bread.

Alex Williamson (Golf)



My graduation present to Minnesota over the summer.

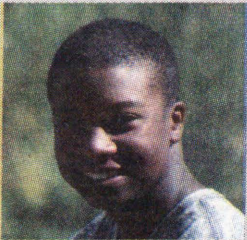
An Audi R8.

Whoever played Ron Weasley from Harry Potter.

My friend Cameron Hawkins.

Mashed potatoes and gravy.

Michael Crockett (Baseball)



My bed, it was a graduation gift and it's like sleeping on a cloud.

I would be Kitt from Knight Rider.

Tyrese Gibson.

Really good name drops #NDOTD.

Turducken. It's about as good as it gets.



## HUMANITY helps fight injustice

by HANNAH ROBISON  
student writer

The service organization HUMANITY raises funds and awareness to combat human trafficking.

The organization is a chapter of International Justice Mission. According to IJM's website, human trafficking for sex and forced labor, along with the illegal arms industry, is the second largest criminal industry in the world.

Senior Jessica Kirkham learned of the industry when she attended "Passion 2012," a Christian conference held in Atlanta, Ga., for college students. Kirkham learned of human trafficking when she watched, "The Freedom Film: Indifference is Not an Option."

"I had never heard of human trafficking before," Kirkham said. "It sparked me to start something here at Harding."

Kirkham began working with friends to establish HUMANITY and held various events and fundraisers during the spring 2012 semester. HUMANITY continues to raise awareness of human trafficking by supporting Partners Against Trafficking Humans, a non-profit organization in Little Rock, Ark.

PATH provides victims of human trafficking with a safe environment where they can be nourished back to health through Christian recovery programming. Along with Kirkham and several other students, senior Kolton Thomas has worked with PATH by building new facilities. An abandoned church building was donated to the organization, and students give their Saturday afternoons to travel to Little Rock to prepare the building for future residents.

"Whatever they need us to do, we're willing to go down there and work for them," Kirkham said.

Students help by mowing the area, cleaning, organizing and preparing a walking trail in the woods behind the property. Thomas said there are a number of projects to complete and students take trips every other weekend to work on the site.

"It has been really rewarding to go and help and see improvements made in that place," Thomas said.

Kirkham and Thomas said they want to continue to inform the campus about human trafficking. Thomas said he feels that the progression of education and awareness of the issue will significantly contribute to the fight against human trafficking.

HUMANITY will host a bake sale on Nov. 13 in the student center and will contribute the proceeds to IJM.

## AMA energizes campus

by LEXI STUTZMAN  
news editor

From getting the Bisons football team pumped up to planning the university's first zombie run, Harding's chapter of the American Marketing Association has been busy bringing more activities, barbecue and pep to Harding's campus this semester.

AMA is an organization open to students of all majors for the purpose of providing experience in event planning, marketing and promotion. Senior Monica Woods, marketing major and co-president of AMA, said the goal of the organization is to help students excel outside of the classroom by giving them opportunities to work with real life clients and situations.

"We work with other organizations on campus to help promote their causes," Woods said. "In addition, we have our own events and fundraisers we do as a club. Our projects help us refine our skills in event coordination, graphic design and all-around professionalism."

So far this semester, AMA planned October's pep rally for the football team, organized a team for Relay for Life and hosted the Barbecue Bash held during the second tailgate. But those events were just a hint of what AMA has planned for this school year, members said.

Currently, members of the organization are organizing events for an organ donation awareness week and a zombie run for next fall.



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Senior American Marketing Association members Paula Morales and Monica Woods help tailgaters at the club's Barbecue Bash before a home football game on Oct. 13.

With each project comes new people to help and new connections to be made, which Woods said is one of the best parts of being a member in AMA. Woods said she also enjoys working with the AMA team to do something they are all passionate about.

"The members this year are awesome and so willing and ready to make things happen," Woods said. "We put (the pep rally) together in a week and it was a huge hit. The football players and coaches were so pumped from it. It was instant gratification. What we did en-

couraged someone and it was successful."

While each event takes a lot of work and planning, junior Patricio Felix, graphic designer for AMA, said he likes getting the opportunity to have his art seen by the students by using his designs to promote the events.

"My favorite project has been designing the actual logo, because the logo is going to be around forever," Felix said. "And knowing that I actually designed it ... I think that's pretty cool."

Lori Sloan, an assistant professor and an AMA sponsor, said what she enjoys about

AMA is getting to know the members and watching them use their fountain of talent and energy make a positive impact on campus.

Sloan said there is no lack of energy in this year's group.

"This year's AMA crew has been on fire," Sloan said. "They have about worn me out with ideas and events and incredible vision and talent. I haven't had a group work together and be so energized like this in (more than) 10 years! It has added renewed energy to my teaching and my life — truly an answer to prayers."

## Harding interns help Indie film fundraise

by ASHLEY ROSENBAUM  
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On Oct. 29, the "Guttersnipes" film reached its initial goal of \$75,000 with help from interns from a social media campaign and a little help from the Iota Chi Facebook group.

The "Guttersnipes" film needed \$75,000 to begin and about \$300,000 to complete. With less than three days left to meet its first goal, the film was \$33,000 short. When writer Joe Aaron was added to the Iota Chi group, he decided to use it to promote the kickstarter site.

"The support we got was kind of overwhelming," Aaron said. "Many people took up our cause and not only donated, but kept the link to our site bumped to the top of the Iota Chi feed

for three days straight."

Several interns were a part of the social media campaign team for Guttersnipes. All of the interns were put into committees that used Facebook, Twitter and email to spread the word and raise money for the movie.

"I can't say it was only the Iota Chi site that got us our \$33,000, we got some heavy hitters in on the last day, people who gave several thousands of dollars," Aaron said. "But, the awareness about 'Guttersnipes' all around the world is huge now because of that crazy site. When we open the film, we'll already have a pretty big following. This is unheard of for small, Indie films."

Junior Jess Head was part of the social media campaign and worked specifically with the "Autism Asperger's Digest."

"Working on the social media aspect of Guttersnipes was incredible experience for me," Head said. "The Kickstarter Campaign was a success and that is something I believe everyone on the team is proud of. I am excited to see the production's final product and the impact it makes on so many communities that supported this worthy cause."

Senior Stacy Hall worked with the social media campaign on the universities committee, a part of the campaign, where she researched effective ways to contact universities with a Christian affiliation in Arkansas.

"From helping them raise money, I would say the main thing I gained was experience," Hall said. "I have never been on a legitimate 'social media team' or done an internship on this scale.

I learned that if you want things done, sometimes you have to do them yourself. It was just an overall great experience."

The interns gained contacts and experience for their resumes and will attend the movie's Little Rock premiere.

Aaron's daughter, Lexi, who has autism, inspired the movie. According to the "Guttersnipes" film website, the goal of this movie is to enlighten and move people.

"There are so many people, especially in the film industry, who are merely concerned about making money and that is not the case with Joe; he wants to make this because the story is close to his heart," Hall said. "I guess I would just say it's important for students to know the genuine story behind it."

## Student comes to HU to provide future for her son

by PAIGE HALE  
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"Mommy, where are you going?" As she prepares herself to walk away, the small voice of her 2-year-old-son echoes from behind her. She reminds herself of her mother's words, that she cannot look back, because she knows if she does she will stay. Instead, she decides to walk away to pursue a dream that will take her over a thousand miles to Harding University in Searcy, Ark.

It all started when freshman Tajae Grey took a trip to the Cayman Islands to see her parents. She stayed to work in a local police station and began attending school in pursuit of an education degree. During this time she became engaged and later became pregnant with her son. By then, she knew that she had a decision to make.

"In my life there are two things I don't believe in; abortion and divorce," Tajae Grey said. "I knew what I was doing when this happened to me. It's a responsibility, and my son

deserves to be in this world, and I made that decision."

Seven months into the pregnancy, Tajae Grey began to experience complications, dropped out of school and went on bed rest. The complications continued through 36 hours of labor.

Tajae Grey blacked out during birth and knows only the stories told to her. According to family, her son, Jaysean, was not breathing when he was born and was rushed to the ICU, where doctors discovered a hole in his lung. Tajae Grey and her son stayed in the hospital two weeks — Tajae Grey suffered from high blood pressure while her son's lung healed.

"We were in fright," Mario Grey, Tajae Grey's brother said. "I remember us having strong faith at that time."

Two years later, Tajae Grey worked as a radio personality and entertainment journalist. Her job quickly became a passion that she wanted to be her career. However, stress took its toll. She began putting in applications to leave the job so she could study, but her

superiors revoked them.

"They were putting a hold on my life," Tajae Grey said. "So I had to make that decision to apply without them knowing."

With encouragement from her brother, Tajae Grey applied to Harding, where she was accepted. She went to Jamaica for her student visa, and arrived at Harding two weeks into the semester, leaving her son in the Cayman Islands with her parents.

"It was the toughest decision because my son was just two," Tajae Grey said. "After his father stopped coming around, I was the only one — apart from his grandparents — that he was used to."

Since making the move to Harding, Tajae Grey set her sights on the future, determining to follow her dreams and make a better life for herself and her son.

"In my heart, I still want to be an entertainment journalist," Tajae Grey said. "Opportunities are here for me to do that, so I think I'm going to stick around."

She speaks to her son

via Skype every day, doing her best to keep their bond strong. In the future, she said she wants to move him to the states with her, but for now she plans on leaving him with his grandparents until she can give him the attention that he needs.

"It's something that affects me a lot, but I know that I have to balance priorities," Tajae Grey said. "He's a very big priority, but getting this done to take care of him in the future is also a priority. It's just a battle."

Her future goals include

an internship in Washington D.C., fulfilling her dream to become an entertainment journalist and bringing her son back home to her.

"I want him to know this is temporary, and after all of this is done, he'll have his mom back," Tajae Grey said.

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TLC maintains entertaining TV show lineup
Shows feature Amish in New York City, mini-pageant queens, strange addictions

by ASHLEY HEASTIE student writer & LYNDSY RUBLE editor-in-chief
The popular television channel, TLC, has some very interesting shows these days. These shows have gained popularity with amusing concepts and entertaining storytelling tactics.
"Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" is an example of one of TLC's eccentric shows. The show is about the life and family of a child pageant queen. The show includes her mom June Shannon, dad Mike "Sugar Bear" Thompson and her three older sisters Anna, Jessica and Lauryn.
The family is often crass but they always entertain the viewers with their quirky situations. "Honey Boo Boo," whose real name is actually Alana, is a little girl with a big personality. She steals the show with her funny comments and

smart mouth. The show is a spin-off of the popular, yet controversial, TLC show "Toddlers and Tiaras," which showcases the lives of several mini-pageant queens and their loud-mouth mothers.
Breaking Amish is another entertaining TLC program. It follows four Amish people as they experience life outside of the Amish world. They head to New York City and experience life as other people do. These kids are completely out of their comfort zone and are put in a world where they have no clue how to fit in or how to process the regular lifestyle. They also deal with drama of their cast mates and are put in dramatic situations. They will eventually have to make a choice whether they want to return to their community or remain in New York City and possibly lose all of their friends and family.
The show "My Strange Addiction," is about people who are addicted to abnormal things. Some are addicted to

drinking gasoline, eating laundry detergent or acting like a baby. These people are sent to psychologists to be examined and counseled. While often disturbing, this show is strangely entertaining. Each episode features a few different strange addictions, which all seem to get more and more ridiculous as the season progresses. Similarly, TLC also features a show called "My Strange Obsession," which follows people with debilitating obsessions.
One of the newer TLC programs currently on air is "Secret Princes." This gem follows four foreign bachelors who all come from royal lines. The men go undercover in America in order to find true love with women who will adore them for their charm, not their royal riches. The guys are hilariously spoiled and constantly fighting with each other over everything from women to the bathroom they share.
"My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding" as well as "My Big Fat American Gypsy Wed-

ding" follow the lives of American and British gypsies. The show's fascinating portrayal of the gypsy lifestyle and the unique extravagance of gypsy weddings make this show a "must-see" if you are looking to fully experience the weirdness of TLC's lineup.
And who could forget about "Sister Wives," another disturbingly entertaining show about a polygamist family. The show follows Kody Brown, his four wives (Meri, Janelle, Christine and Robyn) and their 17 children.
A few other shows on TLC are: "Say Yes to the Dress," "19 Kids and Counting," "Brides of Beverly Hills," "Cake Boss," "Extreme Couponing," "Hoarding: Buried Alive," "Long Island Medium" and "The Little Couple."
No matter what type of entertainment you are looking for, TLC is bound to be airing something interesting at any time during the day or night. Tune in for fascinating stories and guaranteed laughs.

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